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INDEPENDENT COMMISSION  
AGAINST CORRUPTION**Misuse of access rights to a Land and Property  
Management Authority database****ICAC FINDINGS**

- The ICAC has found that Kim Hildebrand, Angus Algie, James Smith and Greg Hildebrand engaged in corrupt conduct.
- Ms Hildebrand engaged in corrupt conduct by: providing Mr Algie with her and another person's user names and passwords to gain access to the Land and Property Information (LPI) database knowing that she did not have the authority to do so and that the access details would be used to obtain information from the LPI database, free-of-charge, relevant to the valuation work conducted by Addisons Valuation Services; providing her access details to her father knowing she had no authority to do so and that he would use the access details to obtain information from the database free-of-charge; gaining access to the LPI database by using the access details of another individual to obtain copies of strata plans for her work at Addisons, knowing she had no authority to do so and avoiding the prescribed fee.
- Mr Algie and Mr Smith engaged in corrupt conduct by causing members of Addisons' staff to use the access details provided by Ms Hildebrand to access the LPI database and obtain information for use in the Addisons valuation business to avoid paying for the information and knowing that they did not have the authority to use the access details to obtain information from the LPI database.
- Mr Hildebrand engaged in corrupt conduct by using Ms Hildebrand's username and password to access the LPI database to obtain information from the database, knowing that he did not have authority to do so and to avoid having to pay the prescribed fees to the LPI.

**ICAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The ICAC is not of the opinion that the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions should be sought with respect to the prosecution of any persons.

**CORRUPTION PREVENTION**

The ICAC has made 11 corruption prevention recommendations to the LPI, which is now part of the Department of Finance and Services, including that the LPI:

- implements an ongoing process that clarifies roles and responsibilities regarding the management of information security risks
- establishes a mechanism to ensure that Spatial Information Exchange (SIX) user accounts (the portal through which the LPI database was accessed) associated with valuation contractors are promptly reviewed if they exceed an agreed level of usage
- develops a process to ensure that user accounts associated with a valuation contract are promptly deactivated upon contract completion
- revises the confidentiality agreement, which employees and subcontractors are required to acknowledge, to expressly prohibit sharing, state the usage of the LPI database by employees and contractors will be monitored, and outline the potential consequences if they are found to have engaged in misuse of an LPI database.

The full report can be accessed from the ICAC website at [www.icac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.icac.nsw.gov.au).

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